

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

BUREAU OF OPERATIONS CONTINUING EDUCATION INTEGRATION PROJECT TALKING POINTS

Section 456.025(7), F.S., requires the Department of Health to implement an electronic continuing education tracking system for each renewal cycle and integrate such system into the Department's licensure and renewal system. The two systems are not integrated.

The Department of Health will now verify a practitioner's continuing education record at the time of license renewal.

Practitioners are required to report course completion into the continuing education tracking system prior to license renewal.

Practitioners are not required to subscribe to CEBroker. Practitioners can register in CEBroker for a Free Basic Account. This account will allow practitioners the ability to view their course history and report course completion at no charge.

Florida Board approved continuing education providers are required to report course completion for the practitioner. Practitioners are only required to report courses completed by an approved national organization or Board Rule approved organization.

The project will be released in two phases. For the first renewal reporting of continuing education will be optional. For all subsequent renewals reporting of continuing education will be mandatory to move forward with the license renewal process. The first practitioners to see an optional reporting phase are professions that expire May 31, 2013. All others will follow.

You may register for a Free Basic Account by visiting flhealthsource.com and logging in to your MQA services account. Or you may visit www.CEatRenewal.com and choose "Ready to Report"

Benefits of CE Integration Project:

- 100% continuing education audit at renewal will insure that every practitioner has completed the required continuing education before they renew their professional license.
- The multiple year focus on continuing education and outreach activities will increase overall awareness of continuing education requirements.
- This project integrates confirmation of continuing education compliance with the renewal process, eliminating the need to audit health care practitioners post renewal, resulting in reductions to the workforce and expenses for auditing services within the Department of Health.
- This improved business process would eliminate costs associated with handling complaints for this type of case, allowing the Bureau of Enforcement and Prosecution Services Unit to pursue higher priority cases.

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